

The Wongkong Telegraph.

No. 3053

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital..... \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital..... \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gilles, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Hol Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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LONDON.—

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Palmer & Co.
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Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Haliam
Geo. Munro, Manager.

Bankers:—
London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.).
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI,
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
His Ex. Hui Fu Yuen, Lim Kwan King, Esq.
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Tong Kwe Sung, Esq.
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

AMOY—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godown. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
6 " " 4 "
3 " " 3 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892. [125]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL..... \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$50,000

LONDON:
Head Office..... 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office..... 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLOMIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1835.

INVESTED FUNDS..... \$7,000,000 Stg.
ANNUAL INCOME..... \$900,000 Stg.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI:
R. E. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.

AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq.
F. H. BELL, Esq.

NEIL MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer.
W. T. PHIPPS, Esq., Chief Agent.

AGENCIES:
Amoy—Messrs. Brown & Co.
Canton—Messrs. Rows & Co.
Choo—Messrs. Comab & Co.
Fochow—Messrs. Philips, Philips & Co.
Hankow—Messrs. W. Forbes Sharp & Co.
Kolo—Messrs. Brown & Co.
Nanking—Chin & Japan Trading Co., Ltd.
Nanchang—Messrs. Bandhol & Co.
Ningpo—Gustav Kultatz, Esq.
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Swatow—Messrs. Bradley & Co.
Tientsin—Messrs. Wilson & Co.
Yokohama—Messrs. Fraser, Farley & Co.
The Standard is an old and wealthy Scottish
Office, well-known throughout India and the
East, and has acquired a marked character for
sound and liberal management.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong,
Standard Life Office.

NOTICE

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MANIF RICS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
&c., Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [126]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. [127]
EQUAL TO..... \$33,333.33

RESERVE FUND..... \$18,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Lee Seng, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
Lou Tso Shum, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [128]

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION:
NO. 43.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
will be observed at this Office and the
Kowloon Customs Stations, from the 29th of the
12th moon to the 6th day of the 1st moon, at
8 a.m., (29th January to 4th February), and
during that period all Shipment, Discharge, and
Examination of Cargo will be suspended.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 20th January, 1892. [129]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries
at Stone-cutters' Island, during the month of
February, 1892, between the hours of 9 a.m. and
5 p.m. daily, Saturdays and Sundays excepted.

The line of fire will be in Westerly and
South-Westerly directions from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command, W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd January 1892. [126]

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at Stone-cutters' Island from the 7th January
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9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and
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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891. [145]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-first Ordinary Half-yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Office of the
Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road
Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock
Noon, for the purpose of receiving a
Report of the Directors, together with a Statement
of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and
electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892. [175]

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS
AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG,
INCORPORATED.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE First Annual General MEETING of the
MEMBERS of this INSTITUTION will be held
at the Room, No. 16, Praya Central,
on the Evening of SATURDAY, the 20th
January, 1892, at 9 o'clock p.m., to receive and
pass the Report and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended December 31st, 1891.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1892. [190]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock
(Noon), on SATURDAY, the 6th February next,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of Accounts to
December, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 23rd to January 6th
February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892. [119]

THE PUBLIC PROTECTION FUND.

NOTICE TO SYMPATHISERS.

AS there appears to be some misunderstanding
in respecting subscriptions to the above
Fund I have to state that I shall be happy to
receive any sum which friends, sympathisers and
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REDUCTION IN PRICE!

NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

WATERBURY WATCHES

(MOST RELIABLE AND ACCURATE TIME-KEEPERS.

E. SERIES

Is now offered for a dollar 30 cents each.

GENTLEMEN'S J. SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.

LADIES' L. " " "

Inspection is respectfully invited.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

8, Queen's Road, Central.

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W. POWELL & CO.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS, BLANKETS.

TRAVELLING REQUISITES, PORTMANTEAUX, OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLADSTONE BAGS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.

SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION.

PORPOISE-HIDE DARK, TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL AND ENGINEERING,

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

SADDLERY.

BUCKSKIN RACE SADDLES.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1892.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

COD LIVER OIL, JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and "exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach." Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the present Cod Liver Oil, all jelly taste and flavor is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 7s. GENUINE

NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it "Genuine."

Per bottle, 7s. GENUINE.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, 7s.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYDROPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

Per bottle, 2s. Per dozen 10s.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 10s. Cents and 1s.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 10s. Cents.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havanas.

They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE 5s. 5d. per Box of 250.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN AND RUM. Our avarise and well-known. Brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottle, by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10d. each.....1s. 5d.

do Bags do 28d. do4s. 00

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest Machines in the market, for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED.

SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

THE PERSIAN TOBACCO QUESTION.

LONDON, January 8th.

The Persian Tobacco Corporation have been compelled, by popular pressure, to abandon their monopoly.

THE DYNAMITE OUTRAGES.

A Frenchman, an Englishman and a woman have been arrested at Walsall, on suspicion of being concerned in the manufacture of bombs.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

JANUARY 13th.

The cures and household of the Prince of Wales at Sandringham are suffering from severe influenza.

THE RUSSIAN BUDGET.

It is estimated that the Russian budget for the current year will show a deficit of seventy-five million rubles.

ILLNESS OF CARDINAL MANNING.

JANUARY 15th.

Cardinal Manning is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis and the last sacraments have been administered.

THE WALSALL AFFAIR.

In connection with the discovery of the bomb manufacture at Walsall a few days ago, a number of arrests have been made in that town and also in London.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * This issue of the Telegraph has been considerably delayed beyond the usual hour of publication, as we desired to present to our readers a report of Sir William Robinson's opening address to the Legislative Council. That address will be found fully set out elsewhere, and we feel assured that its importance will generally be conceded to justify the necessary delay to enable us to print in the lead, and to give it *extra*.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shengtai* left Bombay on the 2nd inst., for this port.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended January 24th, are:—Europeans, 245; Chinese, 1,738; total 1,983.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamship *Minstrel*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5.30 a.m. to-day.

The Directors of the Raub Mines give notice that shareholders who do not at once register, may find their interests seriously prejudiced by steps that are in contemplation.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Monday, the 1st proximo, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The Directors' Report and a Statement of Accounts for the six months ended the 1st December, 1891, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., will be found in another part of this issue.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Brindisi* left London for this port on the 17th inst.

It is proposed by the Hongkong C.C. to give our cricketing friends from Shanghai a dinner in St. George's Hall on Monday, the 8th February, to be followed by a smoking concert. Mr. E. A. Ram is hon. secretary of the Dinner Committee.

The following notice from the *Avant du Tonnerre* should be of great interest to certain people in Hongkong:—As on a previous occasion, in October last, in connection with the election of members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Press has before it to-day the duty of calling a public meeting in which all members of the community will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the choice of candidates. We beg the electors of Hanoi to be kind enough to accept this notice as a formal invitation to the meeting.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., Governor; Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. J. A. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. F. A. Cooper (Acting Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. W. G. Mitchell-Jones (Colonial Treasurer); Com. W. C. H. Hastings (Acting Harbour Master); Messrs. J. J. Keswick, T. H. Whitehead, C. P. Chater, and Ho Kal.

THE DEATH OF THE PRINCE.

His Excellency said:—Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, a very painful duty devolves upon me this afternoon, in consequence of the great sorrow which is overshadowing the British empire. On the 15th inst. I received a telegram from Lord Knutsford announcing the death of Prince Albert Victor of Wales, Duke of Clarence and Avondale. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales by their personal qualities, apart from the conscientious performance of their public duties, command the respect and affection of millions of Her Most Gracious Majesty's subjects. No Royal personage has ever taken so great a practical interest in Her Majesty's Colonies as the Prince of Wales, and his sons have on different occasions visited nearly all of them. I am sure therefore that I express the sentiments of all classes of this loyal community when I say that Her Majesty, the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales have our deep and heartfelt sympathy in the inexpressibly sad bereavement which they have sustained by the death of the Prince and Princess' eldest son, Prince Albert Victor. I have already sent a telegram to that effect which has been graciously acknowledged. Cut off in the early days of his manhood, and at a moment when his parents and all England were filled with rejoicing at the prospect of an alliance approved of by the nation, the death of the Duke of Clarence is not only a most distressing event so far as the Royal Family is concerned, but a national calamity calculated to awaken the profoundest emotion throughout the civilised world. Having no doubt that the Council desires to express its condolence with the Royal Family in these painful circumstances, I now beg to move the following address:—

"We, the Governor and Legislative Council of Hongkong, desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales in the irreparable bereavement they have sustained by the death of Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale."

Mr. Chater—In the absence of the senior unofficial member, the mournful duty of seconding your Excellency's resolution devolves upon me—a more mournful one it has not been my lot to undertake. The proposition before us forms part of the wave of sorrow which has passed throughout the British Empire—the sorrow of all loyal subjects at the loss of their future King and the bitter calamity which has befallen the Royal Family. I need not dwell upon the sad circumstances connected with the said event, but the Royal Family may derive some consolation from the true and loyal sympathy which has been manifested throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire—a sympathy in which we in Hongkong publicly and solemnly declare our participation. On behalf of all the unofficial members we beg to accord our heartfelt sympathy with the痛悼 made by your Excellency.

The resolution was thereupon passed in silence.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

His Excellency.—Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, as this is the first time we have met for the transaction of public business, I think that before we deal with the orders of the day I may very properly make some remarks in reference to the position and prospects of the Colony, and doubtless you expect me to do so. As a preface to these remarks I would mention that I am happy to find myself associated in Council with gentlemen several of whom have for a long time devoted their energies to the service of the Colony. I am certain that I shall receive from both the official and the unofficial members that support and assistance which you are so well able to give, and which have invariably been extended by the Council to a Governor who has, as I claim to have, the true interests of the community at heart. I shall always be ready to receive any advice and suggestion you may tender to me, and to weigh such advice and suggestions most carefully and respectfully. Our relations will, I trust, be ever of the most harmonious character, and the proceedings of the Council conducted with due dignity and decorum. Having only been here a few weeks, I must claim only to appreciate correctly the position of its affairs. The first act of "Faust" with our enthusiastic amateur, Mr. W. E. Crow, as *Mephistopheles*, ought to prove a rare treat, and the concert part of the programme, which includes the two leading ladies from the Christmas Pantomime and quite an array of vocal talent, is unusually fine. Mr. Walshes deserves a bumper house and we hope he will get it.

In days of old, when squaws were bold, and Indians held their way, Mayne Read relates that once the hatchet was dug up and the war cry raised, scalps fell far below par, and so it is to-day. Hongkong now that the great Squaw has pitched his tent amongst us. It is not hair, however, that has fallen since he came, but ivory. To such a degree in fact, have his operations interfered with the African market, that Brigand Stanley and his erstwhile "pal" Emile Pasha, acting upon the advice of Rajah Franchi, are about to equip an expedition to Darkest West Point for the purpose of effecting his utter annihilation. From Singapore Squaw shipped home over ten tons of this costly commodity and, if he continues on his present extraordinary career as a tooth extractor, he will doubtless eclipse the above performance while in Hongkong. This afternoon we watched him with that glee which only a martyr to tooth-ache can experience whilst he plied his mercenary trade, and without any exaggeration whatever there must have been at least one hundred stumps scattered around the shambles. Squaw is gentle too, and not only does he perform his humane mission free of cost, but gives a smile as well that is worth the aches of a score of wisdom teeth. And to cap all, he scattered some fifty Mexican amongst the wonder-stricken crowd that struggled round to watch his extraordinary performances. The only return that this latter-day miracle man expects is that for the insignificant sum of one piece of silver the general public may become possessed of the veritable elixir of life—the old grow young, the dumb speak, and cripples are made whole again. No one but a millionaire philanthropist could afford to do all that Squaw does. Long may he reign.

The Superintendent of the Complimentary benefit concert to be given to Mr. W. Walsh, the popular Australian tenor and operatic artist, at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on the evening of Wednesday next, the 27th instant, will be found in our advertising column. It is an exceptionally strong one and ought, on its merits, to draw a large audience notwithstanding the counter attractions in the colony. Mr. Walsh is one of the most accomplished vocalists who have ever visited Hongkong, and although we have certainly seen better actors, it must be admitted that in certain characters, such as *Rip Van Winkle*, *Don Cesar de Bazan*, *Faust*, *Don José* in Carmen, and *The Beggar Student*, he has done admirable work. We select these half dozen studies from about thirty operas in which Mr. Walsh has taken part in this colony. The first act of "Faust" with our enthusiastic amateur, Mr. W. E. Crow, as *Mephistopheles*, ought to prove a rare treat, and the concert part of the programme, which includes the two leading ladies from the Christmas Pantomime and quite an array of vocal talent, is unusually fine. Mr. Walshes deserves a bumper house and we hope he will get it.

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During the half-year the *Power* has undergone the usual annual Government survey and overhauled in dock; the *Hungshau* has also been docked and some minor repairs to the other steamers have been effected. The repairs to the Macao Wharf, mentioned in the last report, have been completed, and their cost is included in the present account.

In the last report it was stated that the matters in dispute with the builders of the *Hungshau* had been referred to arbitration. Advises from London now render it certain that a considerable portion of the claim will be recovered, and it is expected that the account will be closed during the current half-year with little, if any, loss to the Company.

Messrs. Palmer & Turner have revalued the properties mortgaged to the Company and consider them generally good security for the amounts loaned.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Henderson, offer themselves for re-election.

P. RYAN,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1892.

Dec. 31st, 1891. *Assets.*

Value of 6 Steamers and 5th of
Fathian \$1,110,000

Value of Wharves 20,000.00

" Cargo-boats 750.00

" " Iron lighter Sun Lee 12,000.00

" " Coal and stores 1,200.00

" " Spare gear 5,600.00

" " Furniture 750.00

" " Shares in public companies 2,847.00

Chinese Bonds (1/4 pt) 5,534.40

Hongkong Hotel 6 per cent Mort-
gage Debentures 140,000.00

Loans on Mortgage 1,100,000.00

Fixed Deposit with Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Suspense Account—Approximate
amount of claim on builders of
steamer *Hungshau* 17,000.00

Cash with Hongkong and Shang-
hai Banking Corporation on
Current Account 18,975.54

Interest accrued to date 5,485.54

Sundry Debts 7,500.45

Dec. 31st, 1891. *Liabilities.*

Amount of Capital 80,000 shares of
\$10 each, fully paid up \$1,600,000.00

Amount at Credit of Depreciation
and Insurance Fund 800,000.00

Amount at Credit of Equalization
of Dividend Fund 9,000.00

Uncollected dividends 441.00

Sundry creditors 20,291.56

Amount at Credit of Profit and
Loss Account 64,201.33

Dec. 31st, 1891. *PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.*

To Amount paid for repairs—

To Steamers \$7,451.06

" Lighters 244.95

" Wharves 3,307.07

" Expenses laying-up steamer *Kiu-*
hang unemployed 1,924.42

" Amount paid in settlement of claim,
account *Power* collision with
junk 395.00

" Company's proportion of expenses
in connection with survey of
Steamer *Passer* 4,039.95

Directors and Auditors' Fees 3,350.00

Balance to be appropriated, viz.—

Dividend at 4 per cent on
\$1,600,000 \$64,000.00

To be carried to New
Account 201.33

Dec. 31st, 1891. *Cr.*

By Amount brought forward from
last Account \$ 371.19

December 31st.

Net earnings of steamers 16,685.75

Interest on Investments 41,733.34

Transfer fees 146.50

Amount transferred from Equi-
lization of Dividend Account 26,000.00

Dec. 31st, 1891. *DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.*

To Balance \$ 800,000.00

Dec. 31st, 1891. *Cr.*

By Amount at credit \$ 800,000.00

Dec. 31st, 1891. *EQUILIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.*

To Amount transferred to Profit &
Loss Account \$ 26,000.00

Dec. 31st, 1891. *Dr.*

To Amount at credit \$ 35,000.00

Dec. 31st, 1891. *T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.*

We have compared the above Statement with
the Books, Vouchers, and Securities of the
Company, and certify the same to be correct.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, *Auditors.*

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

slight symptoms of rebellion on the part of a spirited character who objected to perform the music of the band. The most noteworthy features in the performance were the riding of Messrs. Harry Dixon, and E. Schadel (both of whom are past masters in the art), the contortion tricks of "Little Ethel" and the "Bars" by Signor Bysack. Miss Ethel at once established herself as a prime favorite with the public and was rewarded for her really excellent performances by rounds of applause. Miss Alice Moore, who is an old Hongkong favorite, only appeared once, and that was in a short but graceful act of equestrianism in which she evinced her wondrous dash and skill. Miss Zulda also proved herself to be possessed of an inordinate amount of nerve, and good teeth; as evinced in her balance act and in the "Slide for life." Mr. Lee is also a good performer and in his juggling on horseback and in the falling ladder business brought down the house. The clowning of Messrs. Martyn and Victor caused no end of fun, the former another deservedly popular old Hongkong favorite and the latter one of the cleverest clowns ever seen in the ring in this colony. Victor's elephant act was about the most amusing and grotesque exhibition that has ever been given in a circus.

Apart from his abilities as a clown Mr. Martyn is also deserving of recognition as a horse trainer. "Richmond," as introduced by him, went through a series of tricks and actions of excellent merit. The balancing of Chosabro and Kota was also cleverly and gracefully done. Lack of space prevents our giving a detailed notice of all the items on the programme, but the performance can only be classed as one of real merit. Roll up and see it.

SPORTING NOTES.

The entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club Meeting of 1892, published the other day, are the most unsatisfactory since the old fashioned Race Fund became merged in the Jockey Club. The main reason for this deplorable failing of course, is not far to seek. Never in the history of the colony have times been so universally bad as during the past year, and the effects have not only been severely felt by all classes, but they are unhappily likely in numerous instances to become permanent. It is well known that many of the best types of our Hongkong sporting element have been the biggest victims in the depression of general trade and the unprecedented depreciation of values in the Share Market, and no doubt this has prejudicially re-acted on the interests of racing. But there are other causes outside the questions of tightness of money, financial embarrassments, and an all round state of hard-panness which would be laughable were it not so serious in its effects, that must have in no slight degree contributed to what can only be correctly described as the decline of racing and popular sport in this colony. And in giving the Hon. James Johnston Kerwick the largest amount of credit for what he probably considers the purification of racing, I don't think I shall be doing Sir William des Vaux an irreparable injury.

Successful racing without betting has never been known in any part of the English-speaking world—not anywhere else for that matter—and in this connection a record is hardly likely to be established in Hongkong. For many years past the betting, lotteries, etc., etc., associated with the annual Hongkong race meeting have been comparatively trifling in extent, and certainly have never reached that point when combined sport and amusement became a prominent vice that the law must restrain. We have always had race-loteries at the Club, and other sporting resorts, amateur book-making has been indulged in to a moderate extent for two or three years the totalizator has been a harmless factor in backing one's fancy, and "betting on the nod," to use a betting-ring phrase, has afforded considerable amusement to supporters of local sport, without, so far as I have ever heard, any great damage resulting. All that is changed now. The new *Gambling Ordinance* was, thanks to that eminent fiddler, Governor des Vaux, bolstered up by the conniving Keswick, made offensively oppressive as regards racing—in fact, it has practically confined that noble pastime to three or four men, of whom perhaps one out of the lot can fairly lay any claim to the honored title of sportsman.

There won't be any lotteries at the Club this season; there will be no totalizator in the enclosure during race-days, nor any friendly "sweeps" under the Grand Stand. Perhaps some daring and energetic speculator may try his hand at amateur book-making—and so long as he bets on "tick" and doesn't use a stool or an umbrella, or any other of the paraphernalia which legal decisions constitute "place" under the Act, he can do so with out risk, unless the Stewards object to his pre-eminently virtuous policy being made fun of. But to show how easily a "tikka" can with impunity be wheeled through the Hongkong *Gambling Ordinance*, there will be lotteries by the score in the bazaars around the course and Chinese gambling of all kinds extensively indulged in on the roads and in the centre of the Valley, and the Police are powerless to prevent the "annual saturnalia, which, after all, does little if any harm.

The Hon. Mr. Keswick doesn't bet—that is on pony races. Whether he has ever bought or sold shares "on time" and got the worst of the deal, I cannot really say for certain, but there cannot be the slightest doubt that his ridiculous *Share Ordinance* has done as much as any other influence to kill racing in Hongkong. It is just on the cards that next year the "princely house" will have the whole business in their own hands. It would be amusing to see the wearers of the time-honored dark blue and silver-braided jackets of the Jardines having a race-meeting of their own, for "poxers" contributed by the friends, supporters and employees of the once highly respected "muckie house."

There are 20 entries for the Challenge Cup as against 6 last year. It is only a few years ago that over a hundred ponies were registered for this popular event. These figures are strikingly suggestive. Out of the 20, there are only ten ponies that have previously raced in Hongkong, and of these ten, with the exception of Home Guard, Royal, Vagrant and Reciprocity, there is not one that has the slightest pretension to gallop a mile-and-three-quarters at racing speed. Hence has never previously raced in Hongkong, but the mighty skelebowd is an old Shanghai friend of mine and, if fit and well, he will win every race he starts for, and here to here, for long distance races, Talisman and Vagrant should prove invincible, as both Home Guard and Royal are reported amiss.

If the opening night can be taken

as a precursor of the result of Madam Woodyear's season here, wealth entitles

awaits her. One particularly pleasing feature of the entertainment was the utter absence of anything approaching vulgarity either by suggestion or action, and the audience too

was one of the most orderly, as well as one of the largest that have ever assembled within the folds of canvas in this part of the world. An excellently varied programme was provided and was carried through without a hitch, barring a slight accident that befell the *Stephens* and some

to win a race that, this year, is singularly devoid of public interest.

The Ashley Cup has secured only nine entries as compared with twenty in 1891, and as Hero will probably be an absentee, Merry Thought ought to score an easy victory over a course that suits him well. Not having seen any of the Derby candidates at work I am quite unable to enlighten my readers as to their respective merits. Waterloo, kept over from last year, was highly tried at Tientsin, and Mr. Helmich is reported to have a flyer in Enthusiast; but probably the Blue Ribbon of the Meeting will again fall to the selected of the Ewe or Buxey's stable. Vagrant should repeat his last year's victory in the Foochow Cup, and more unlikely things have come to pass than the red and yellow striped banner of Mr. Dobey Barker first catching the judge's eye in the Valley Stakes.

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Should the skelebowd be kept for the Hongkong Club Cup and Mr. Noyes, A. Beattie, A. Fulton, O. F. Wisner, Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D., Dr. H. M. McCandless, Dr. F. C. Macle, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Dr. Mary Niles, Dr. M. Halverson, Dr. So To Ming, Dr. Wan Tiu Mo, Dr. W. Tui Teng, Mr. Sy To Nam, Fat and Dr. J. M. Swan.

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kerr who on taking the chair requested Dr. Graves to open the meeting with prayer, after which the notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented and no objection being made stood approved.

The Treasurer's account duly audited was presented, the following abstract being read by the Secretary:

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT (ABSTRACT).

Messrs. Russell & Co. in Liquidation—

Aug. 12th, 1891. *Dr.*

To Canton payments per Dr. Graves's orders \$1,913.47

" Balance due M. M. Society 2,727.01

Dr. Graves's orders \$4,640.48

Jan. 1st. *Cr.*

To Balance account forward \$2,554.74

" Miscellaneous subscriptions 2,013.75

" Interest to July 25th, 1891, at 6% 92.59

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" Bank interest 9.10

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After inspection, on the motion of Mr. Fulton seconded by Mr. Simmons the treasurer's account was accepted.

The Hospital account also duly audited was presented and the following abstract was read by the secretary.

CANTON HOSPITAL ACCOUNT (ABSTRACT).

Jan. 1st, 1891. *Receipts.*

Balance cash forward \$4,467.78

Total miscellaneous receipts at the hospital 2,008.03

Subscriptions received until appointment of treasurer 270.87

Cash received from treasurer of Society 3,705.71

For Managing Committee \$4,100

R. H. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

After some brief remarks—the report and estimates were on the motion of Mr. Simmons, seconded by Dr. Macle, duly accepted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order and on the motion of Dr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Noyes, the Board of officers was constituted as follows:

President J. G. Kerr, M.D., Sen. Vice President Rev. A. P. Harper, D.D., M.D., Vice President Hon. J. J. Kewick, Mr. W. H. Forbes, Hon.

To-day's
Advertisements.
WOODYEAR'S
MAMMOTH
CIRCUS.



A SERIOUS WORD.

THE PROPRIETORS of this CIRCUS thank the public for their kind attendance on Saturday night. Our Mammoth Tent was crowded and the audience was enthusiastic in the applause given to each and all of our artists. Our show is a success, A BIG SUCCESS, and we shall try and deserve the patronage we receive.

BEWARE OF SLANDERERS.

Our show has been in the East for years; we have lived and have spent our money liberally in the cities where we have earned our living.

In all this time we have never found it necessary to make slanderous attacks upon rivals in our business. We don't believe in blackguarding others.

"LIVE AND LET LIVE" is our motto. Besides, our show speaks for itself. A really strong Circus has no need to run down others. If it is really and truly good it will draw the public upon its merits. Our show is really good, hence we draw the public. We do not claim to be the Barnum of the East. Barnum in his early days was a great humbug, yet with considerable merit; most of his imitators are all humbug and possess no merit.

There is no humbug in our show, IT IS ALL GOOD.

We don't use the name of Barnum or Chiarini or other showmen to draw the public to our tents. We stand on our own merits and don't shine by the light of other people. In the Circus business talent and not numbers count. Thirty good performers can give a better show than many "supers" and a lot of

CATTLE DRIVERS with long hair in lieu of talent. The real strength of a Company soon becomes known to the public, who will not accept brazen advertisements in place of ability.

COME AND SEE US AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES. We fear no honest rivals and Slanderous ones we despise.

N.B.—Our artists, who have received large offers to leave us, respectfully decline. They prefer to stay with a company.

WHERE THEY ARE SURE OF THEIR SALARIES.

Look out for Prof. VALAZIE'S drop from the Clouds.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES. Boxes of 6 Chairs \$9.00 Single Chair in Box 1.50 Dress Circle Chairs 1.00 Stalls, Carpeted Seats 50 Pit 30 Children under 10 and Soldiers and Sailors in uniform to Pit 20 cents. Half-price to all other parts except the boxes.

Tickets to be had from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., where plan of the House can be seen.

MADAME WOODYEAR, Proprietress, W. HARLAND, General Agent, F. MARTYN, Equestrian Manager, VICTOR VALAZIE, Business Manager. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892. [114]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

"LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 25th January, 1892. [132]

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COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT to MR. W. WALSH.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd January.

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Doors open at 8.30. Commence at 9.

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